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This issue of the New Mexico Labor Market Review introduces revised civilian labor force and nonagricultural industry employment estimates for New Mexico and its subareas. The nonagricultural data incorporates more recent payroll counts from employers covered under unemployment compensation programs. The labor force data reflects the improved nonagricultural estimates, along with new information from the U.S. Department of Labor's Current Population Survey. Labor force estimates for all areas of New Mexico have been revised back through 1983. Nonagricultural employment, hours, and earnings data have been revised through 1985. Included on page 9 of this issue are revised 1986 labor force estimates for statewide New Mexico and the Albuquerque area. 1986 annual average labor force data for all areas appear on page 10. Publications are available containing historical labor force, nonagricultural employment, and industry hours and earnings estimates for New Mexico and its subareas. If you would like copies of these publications, please complete and return the order form on the back page of this newsletter.

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New Mexico's unemployment rate rose from 9.3 to 9.8 percent in January, driven upward largely by post-Christmas layoffs in retail trade and transportation along with a weather-related drop in construction. There were 65,400 New Mexicans involuntarily without jobs in January, 2,400 more than in December. One year ago, the State's jobless rate stood at 9.3 percent with 60,400 unemployed. The U.S. unemployment rate in January was 7.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted), up from 6.3 percent in December but unchanged from one year ago.

Total nonagricultural employment in January, derived from an employer payroll survey, fell by 8,700 jobs from the December level. Trade had 4,400 fewer workers, most of whom were hired in November and December for the holiday buying season. Transportation also retreated to its previous November level, and payrolls were cut in construction due mostly to inclement weather.

In mining, continued job losses in oil & gas extraction were offset by a recall of workers in the coal subsector. Manufacturing employment fell in December as cutbacks, many of them temporary, were recorded in several durable goods subsectors and in food processing.

JANUARY SUMMARY

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	Jan. 1987	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1986	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	666,400	679,000	651,000	-12,600	+15,400
Employment	601,000	616,000	590,600	-15,000	+10,400
Unemployment	65,400	63,000	60,400	+2,400	+5,000
Rate	9.8%	9.3%	9.3%		

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

NEW MEXICO	PRELIM JAN 1987	REVISED DEC 1986	REVISED JAN 1986	JAN CHANGE FROM DEC 1986	JAN CHANGE FROM JAN 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	526,600	535,300	521,000	-8,700	5,600
MINING	14,700	14,700	20,100	0	-5,400
Metal Mining	1,900	1,900	2,900	0	-1,000
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying etc	3,800	3,600	3,700	200	100
Oil & Gas Extraction	9,000	9,200	13,500	-200	-4,500
CONSTRUCTION	32,800	34,200	33,800	-1,400	-1,000
MANUFACTURING	37,000	37,800	36,900	-800	100
DURABLE GOODS	23,800	24,400	24,200	-600	-400
Lumber & Wood Products	2,700	2,800	2,600	-100	100
Machinery(except electric)	2,500	2,500	2,700	0	-200
Elec & Electronic Equip	4,200	4,300	4,800	-100	-600
Transportation Equipment	4,200	4,300	4,100	-100	100
Other Durable Goods	10,200	10,500	10,000	-300	200
NONDURABLE GOODS	13,200	13,400	12,700	-200	500
Food & Kindred Products	4,200	4,400	4,000	-200	200
Textile & Apparel	2,400	2,400	2,300	0	100
Other Nondurable Goods	6,600	6,600	6,400	0	200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	29,100	29,600	29,600	-500	-500
TRANSPORTATION	12,900	13,300	12,800	-400	100
Railroad Transportation	2,200	2,200	2,200	0	0
Trucking & Warehousing	5,900	6,200	6,100	-300	-200
Other Transportation	4,800	4,900	4,500	-100	300
COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	16,200	16,300	16,800	-100	-600
Communication	6,800	6,800	7,100	0	-300
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	9,400	9,500	9,700	-100	-300
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	127,100	131,500	123,500	-4,400	3,600
WHOLESALE TRADE	22,400	22,400	22,800	0	-400
Durable Goods	13,400	13,300	13,400	100	0
Nondurable Goods	9,000	9,100	9,400	-100	-400
RETAIL TRADE	104,700	109,100	100,700	-4,400	4,000
Bldg Material & Mobile Homes	4,300	4,400	4,300	-100	0
General Merchandise Stores	12,400	13,700	11,700	-1,300	700
Food Stores	15,700	16,500	14,700	-800	1,000
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	13,200	13,300	12,900	-100	300
Apparel & Accessories	5,700	6,400	5,700	-700	0
Furniture & Furnishing	4,500	4,600	4,400	-100	100
Eating & Drinking Places	36,700	37,700	35,500	-1,000	1,200
Miscellaneous Retail	12,200	12,500	11,500	-300	700
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	27,000	27,000	26,300	0	700
Banking	8,000	8,000	8,100	0	-100
Insurance Carriers	3,700	3,700	3,500	0	200
Insur Agents, Brokers & Service	2,900	2,900	2,800	0	100
Real Estate	6,400	6,400	6,200	0	200
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	6,000	6,000	5,700	0	300
SERVICES	118,600	118,500	114,700	100	3,900
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	11,400	11,700	10,500	-300	900
Personal Services	6,100	5,900	5,800	200	300
Business Services	27,600	27,700	27,600	-100	0
Health Services	29,700	29,700	28,300	0	1,400
Legal Services	4,000	4,000	3,900	0	100
Educational Services	5,000	5,200	4,900	-200	100
Social Services	6,200	6,300	7,000	-100	-800
Membership Organizations	6,100	6,000	5,500	100	600
Other Services	22,500	22,000	21,200	500	1,300
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	140,300	142,000	136,100	-1,700	4,200
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	29,500	29,600	29,700	-100	-200
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	110,800	112,400	106,400	-1,600	4,400
State Government 2/	50,600	52,300	48,600	-1,700	2,000
Local Government	60,200	60,100	57,800	100	2,400

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

2/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

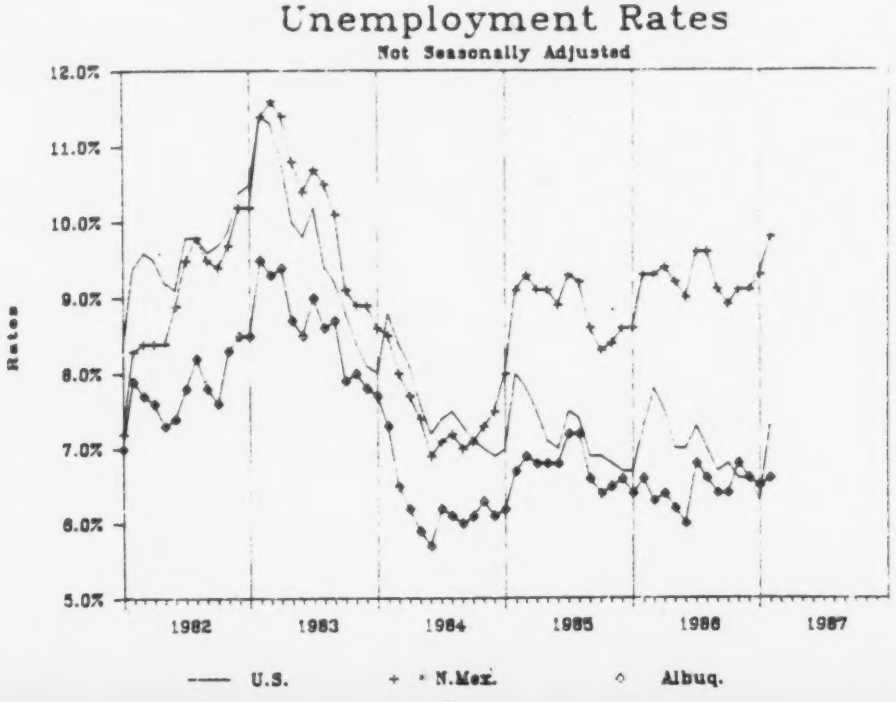
ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)

The Albuquerque area experienced a slight upward movement in unemployment between December and January, according to preliminary labor force estimates. The number of job seekers rose by 200 over the month, which is a smaller increase than is normally expected for this time of year. About 4,300 people dropped out of the labor force in January, as many businesses, particularly those in retail trade, reduced their work forces following the Christmas holiday season.

In accordance with the normal seasonal trend, the Albuquerque area saw a reduction of 3,900 nonagricultural wage and salary jobs between December and January, as lower employment levels were recorded in nearly every industrial division. As expected, large payroll losses occurred in general merchandise stores and other retail stores, which includes apparel & accessory, furniture & furnishings, building materials, and miscellaneous retail stores. Business services registered a sizeable decline primarily related to worker reductions in temporary employment service agencies. The between-semester layoff of part-time student workers at the university accounted for the large drop in state government employment. Construction employment saw a seasonal decline, primarily in special trades and also in building construction; heavy construction posted a small increase as road and bridge work continued at a strong pace.

Between January 1986 and January 1987, nearly every industrial division recorded an employment gain, as 4,500 jobs were added to Albuquerque's nonagricultural payrolls over the year. Even construction, which had been showing year-to-year job losses for the past several months, registered a small over-the-year gain in January. Strong increases occurred in health services, with the growth of numerous specialized health-care facilities, and eating & drinking places, benefitting from the opening of many new restaurants during the year. Only the government sector showed a year-to-year job loss; this is mainly due to a difference from last year to this year in the timing of the end-of-semester layoff at the university.

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	Jan. 1987	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1986	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	254,900	259,200	245,800	-4,300	+9,100
Employment	238,000	242,500	229,500	-4,500	+8,500
Unemployment	16,900	16,700	16,300	+ 200	+ 600
Rate	6.6%	6.4%	6.6%		



ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

ALBUQUERQUE MSA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)	PRELIM JAN 1987	REVISED DEC 1986	REVISED JAN 1986	JAN CHANGE FROM DEC 1986	JAN CHANGE FROM JAN 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	226,600	230,500	222,100	-3,900	4,500
MINING	200	200	200	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	16,400	16,800	16,300	-400	100
MANUFACTURING	19,300	19,600	19,200	-300	100
Durable Goods	13,900	14,100	13,800	-200	100
Nondurable Goods	5,400	5,500	5,400	-100	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	12,500	12,700	12,200	-200	300
Transportation	6,100	6,300	5,700	-200	400
Communication	3,800	3,800	3,900	0	-100
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	58,400	60,300	56,800	-1,900	1,600
WHOLESALE TRADE	14,100	14,100	14,100	0	0
Durable Goods	9,600	9,500	9,500	100	100
Nondurable Goods	4,500	4,600	4,600	-100	-100
RETAIL TRADE	44,300	46,200	42,700	-1,900	1,600
General Merchandise Stores	4,800	5,500	5,000	-700	-200
Food Stores	5,100	5,300	4,800	-200	300
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	4,800	4,800	4,700	0	100
Eating & Drinking Places	16,600	17,000	15,800	-400	800
Other Retail Trade	13,000	13,600	12,400	-600	600
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	14,600	14,500	13,900	100	700
Banking	3,100	3,100	3,200	0	-100
Ins Carriers, Agents & Brokers	4,200	4,100	3,900	100	300
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	7,300	7,300	6,800	0	500
SERVICES	61,300	61,700	59,400	-400	1,900
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	4,000	4,100	3,600	-100	400
Personal Services	3,200	3,100	3,100	100	100
Business Services	19,400	19,900	19,600	-500	-200
Health Services	14,300	14,300	13,600	0	700
Social Services	2,800	2,800	2,800	0	0
Membership Organizations	1,600	1,600	1,700	0	-100
Other Services	16,000	15,900	15,000	100	1,000
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	43,900	44,700	44,100	-800	-200
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	12,800	12,600	12,600	200	200
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	31,100	32,100	31,500	-1,000	-400
State Government	11,200	12,700	12,800	-1,500	-1,600
Local Government	19,900	19,400	18,700	500	1,200

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

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(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

LAS CRUCES MSA (DONA ANA COUNTY) 1/	PRELIM JAN 1987	REVISED DEC 1986	REVISED JAN 1986	JAN CHANGE FROM DEC 1986	JAN CHANGE FROM JAN 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	41,400	41,850	38,550	-450	2,850
MINING	50	50	50	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2,500	2,500	2,300	0	200
MANUFACTURING	3,150	3,250	3,000	-100	150
Durable Goods	1,150	1,150	1,100	0	50
Nondurable Goods	2,000	2,100	1,900	-100	100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,350	1,400	1,300	-50	50
Transportation	500	550	500	-50	0
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	850	850	800	0	50
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	7,850	8,050	7,550	-200	300
WHOLESALE TRADE	850	850	850	0	0
RETAIL TRADE	7,000	7,200	6,700	-200	300
General Merchandise Stores	950	1,000	850	-50	100
Food Stores	1,100	1,100	1,000	0	100
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	850	850	900	0	-50
Eating & Drinking Places	2,600	2,700	2,500	-100	100
Other Retail Trade	1,500	1,550	1,450	-50	50
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	1,550	1,550	1,550	0	0
SERVICES	6,050	6,050	5,600	0	450
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	750	750	550	0	200
Business Services	1,100	1,100	1,000	0	100
Health Services	1,650	1,650	1,400	0	250
Social Services	250	250	250	0	0
Other Services	2,300	2,300	2,400	0	-100
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	18,900	19,000	17,200	-100	1,700
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	4,300	4,300	4,400	0	-100
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	14,600	14,700	12,800	-100	1,800
State Government	9,600	9,600	7,700	0	1,900
Local Government	5,000	5,100	5,100	-100	-100

SANTA FE MSA (SANTA FE & LOS ALAMOS COUNTIES) 1/	PRELIM JAN 1987	REVISED DEC 1986	REVISED JAN 1986	JAN CHANGE FROM DEC 1986	JAN CHANGE FROM JAN 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	53,150	54,000	51,400	-850	1,750
MINING	100	100	150	0	-50
CONSTRUCTION	3,100	3,200	3,100	-100	0
MANUFACTURING	1,600	1,600	1,550	0	50
Durable Goods	1,000	1,000	950	0	50
Nondurable Goods	600	600	600	0	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,150	1,200	1,300	-50	-150
Transportation	400	450	400	-50	0
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	750	750	900	0	-150
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10,400	10,850	9,750	-450	650
WHOLESALE TRADE	700	700	650	0	50
RETAIL TRADE	9,700	10,150	9,100	-450	600
General Merchandise Stores	950	1,050	900	-100	50
Food Stores	1,750	1,850	1,250	-100	500
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	800	800	850	0	-50
Eating & Drinking Places	3,700	3,800	3,600	-100	100
Other Retail Trade	2,500	2,650	2,500	-150	0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	2,100	2,100	1,950	0	150
SERVICES	13,100	13,350	12,500	-250	600
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	1,700	1,750	1,500	-50	200
Business Services	3,000	3,000	3,100	0	-100
Health Services	3,000	3,000	2,800	0	200
Social Services	600	600	600	0	0
Other Services	4,800	5,000	4,500	-200	300
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	21,600	21,600	21,100	0	500
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	20,100	20,100	19,600	0	500
State Government 3/	16,300	16,200	15,900	100	400
Local Government	3,800	3,900	3,700	-100	100

1/ In accordance with the CES Manual, those published cells with less than 2,000 employees are rounded to nearest 50. Those published cells with more than 2,000 employees are rounded to 100.

2/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

3/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS

Hours and Earnings of Production, Construction and Nonsupervisory Employees
(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

NEW MEXICO	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	JAN 1987	DEC 1986	JAN 1986	JAN 1987	DEC 1986	JAN 1986	JAN 1987	DEC 1986	JAN 1986
MINING	$494.51	$465.90	$526.23	40.7	38.6	42.2	12.15	12.07	12.47
CONSTRUCTION	$396.03	$386.63	$395.30	36.3	34.8	37.9	10.91	11.11	10.43
MANUFACTURING	$358.90	$366.02	$336.41	40.1	40.4	39.3	8.95	9.06	8.56
Durable Goods	$369.41	$374.10	$341.82	41.0	41.2	39.7	9.01	9.08	8.61
Nondurable Goods	$344.31	$349.20	$322.87	38.6	38.8	38.3	8.92	9.00	8.43
COMMUNICATION & UTILITIES	$544.75	$521.05	$476.36	41.3	42.5	42.8	13.19	12.26	11.13
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	$216.96	$215.76	$222.42	32.0	32.3	33.0	6.78	6.68	6.74
Wholesale Trade	$355.39	$359.96	$373.84	39.4	40.4	41.4	9.02	8.91	9.03
Retail Trade	$182.67	$190.04	$191.56	30.7	30.9	31.3	5.95	6.15	6.12
BANKING	$247.80	$228.86	$217.50	41.3	38.4	37.5	6.00	5.96	5.80

ALBUQUERQUE MSA	JAN 1987	DEC 1986	JAN 1986	JAN 1987	DEC 1986	JAN 1986	JAN 1987	DEC 1986	JAN 1986
MANUFACTURING	$371.39	$382.34	$338.82	40.5	41.2	38.9	9.17	9.28	8.71
Durable Goods	$392.08	$401.00	$357.30	41.8	42.3	39.7	9.38	9.48	9.00
Nondurable Goods	$314.87	$316.68	$285.43	37.0	37.3	36.5	8.51	8.49	7.82

NOTE: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part time work, overtime work etc.

AREA ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: Construction of the $16.5 million first phase of Rio Rancho's High Resort development has begun; this phase includes the golf course expansion and a 160-home residential area. Presley Company of New Mexico is planning an $80 million development project, called Nor Este, on 176 acres in the North Albuquerque Acres area surrounding the new La Cueva High School. Construction work is now underway on the recently-renamed $10 million "The Beach at Renaissance" water park near I-25 and Montano Road; the park's opening is scheduled for this May. Construction work on the $120 million expansion-renovation project is set to begin at Albuquerque International Airport. The project will expand the airport's capacity to eight million passengers per year, double the 1986 level. New Mexico's first International House of Pancakes is scheduled to open soon at Juan Tabo and Candelaria, NE. The 145-seat, 4,400-square-foot restaurant will be open 24 hours a day and employ about 40 people. Construction is scheduled to begin soon on Kistler Collister's Fashion Square expansion project at San Mateo and Lomas, NE. The $2.2 million project will add more than 6,000 square feet to the present Kistler Collister department store and create 31,000 square feet to be divided among 12 to 15 small shops clustered around a courtyard. The opening of the first of three new Peter Piper Pizza restaurants is scheduled for late March; the 5,000-square-foot, $350,000 restaurant will be located at Eubank and Candelaria, NE and will employ about 35 workers.

ALAMOGORDO / RUIDOSO AREA: Tricon Kent Inc. started work in late January on the $2.4 million first phase of the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport (SBRA). Tricon Kent officials indicated that Phase I, which involves mostly earthwork, should be completed by July. The $3 million Hughes Aircraft missile repair facility in Las Cruces was dedicated in January. The new 26,000-square-foot facility employs approximately 100 workers supporting the Roland missile systems used by the New Mexico National Guard.

CARLSBAD / ARTESIA AREA: Lundburg Industries reopened its potash mine on February 10, recalling all but 40 of the mine's 400 work force. Lundburg shut down its facilities in late November, 1986. Work is nearing completion on the TRUPACT assembly facility in the Airport Industrial Park in Carlsbad. When finished, the facility will assemble the first 24 containers to be used to haul the transuranic nuclear waste to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). WIPP is scheduled to receive its first shipments late in 1988.

CLOVIS / PORTALES AREA: The Federal Aviation Administration has awarded a $1.1 million grant to construct a new airport in Portales. Work on the new facility should begin this spring.

ESPANOLA AREA: Ground has been broken for construction of the $1.1 million Ranchitos Recreation Center; completion is targeted for late summer of 1987. Construction work is continuing on the $1.17 million, 22,000-square-foot McCurdy School gymnasium; completion is expected by this June. Construction of the new $1.127 million Espanola kindergarten center has begun, with completion anticipated by this fall. For all of 1986, the value of construction in Espanola was only about $3.3 million, down from nearly $6.5 million in 1985.

FARMINGTON AREA: A $1 million, 8,400-square-foot, 24-bed rehabilitation center is planned as an addition to the San Juan Regional Medical Center in Farmington. A subsequent phase of the project will include a 4,000-square-foot medical offices building. The Veterans Administration is expected to locate a pilot project outpatient health screening clinic at Farmington's American Plaza; it will be one of only two such pilot facilities for rural areas in the nation. American Home Furnishings has opened for business in American Plaza, employing about 65 people.

GALLUP / GRANTS AREA: Giant Industries has begun recruitment of an expected staff of 150 employees for its new Giant Truck Center; located on I-40, 17 miles east of Gallup, the $8 million, 28,000-square-foot facility is scheduled to open this spring. Alternative Bedding of America has opened for business in Grants with a work force of about 35 employees; the firm had received more than 2,000 applications for employment. Building permits in the city of Gallup totaled 222 in 1986, up from 171 in 1985. Permit values rose to $14.6 million from $9.6 million in 1985.

LAS CRUCES AREA: Silver Savings and Loan, a Silver City-based financial institution, opened a new $1.2 million facility in Las Cruces in January. Home construction figures for Dona Ana County in 1986 indicate that the year was a good one for the area. During the year, permits for 428 single family residences were issued by the City of Las Cruces, and another 387 permits were issued by the County. Mesilla Valley Hospital, a new psychiatric treatment facility in Las Cruces, is scheduled to open in March. Mesilla Valley initially will employ about 40 full-time workers, according to hospital officials.

LAS VEGAS AREA: An industry-wide excess capacity has forced the Montana de Fibra fiberboard plant to cut back its full-time operations to a 10-day-on, four-day-off schedule until excess inventories are eliminated; the plant employs about 160 workers. Several construction projects in the area are expected to resume shortly, with the onset of warmer weather.

LOS ALAMOS AREA: Los Alamos National Laboratory has announced the layoff of nearly 150 workers, including scientists, technicians, administrators, and clerical workers, because of budgetary constraints; it is hoped many workers receiving layoff notices will be able to transfer to other jobs within LANL.

RATON AREA: Kaiser Steel Corporation has announced that its Kaiser Coal Company mines near Raton are for sale, but officials do not expect immediate cutbacks in operations or personnel at the mines because of the need to fulfill current coal contracts. One contract was recently made for the sale of 450,000 tons of coal to Celanese Chemical Company; this contract will raise the York Canyon mines' annual production to more than two million tons. Pine Forest Estates is seeking governmental approval for a 2,500-acre, 600-home subdivision to be built on both sides of I-25 just north of the city limits of Raton.

ROSWELL AREA: Transportation Manufacturing Corp. (TMC) of Roswell and other Greyhound Corp. subsidiaries have jointly purchased the bus building division of General Motors Corp. Officials said the purchase will have no immediate effect on the local TMC plant; however, the possibility exists that one of the GM operations could be transferred to Roswell, meaning a substantial expansion of the current 1,000 work force at TMC. On another matter, TMC officials disclosed that bus and trailer orders for 1987 are higher than in 1986; and, as a result, TMC's workforce should increase by about 200 over the next few months. Total construction valuation in Chaves County in 1986 was $9.9 million, down approximately one-third from 1985. Mealmakers Inc., a local food processor, recently held a workshop for area farmers to present information on crops to be used by the firm. Mealmakers opened in mid-1986 in the renovated former Glover Meat Packing plant and is currently employing about 110 workers. That number could grow to 450 within the next two years, according to Mealmakers officials. The Roswell City Council has approved the lease of 12 acres at the Roswell Industrial Air Center for the location of a National Guard armory complex which will employ up to 65 persons. National Guard officials are attempting to obtain federal and state funding for the proposed armory.

SANTA FE AREA: La Mancha Development Company is planning an 815-unit residential subdivision on 148 acres near the southern limits of the city of Santa Fe; the development would include 503 single-family homes and 312 apartment units. The filming of a remake of the 1957 movie, "And God Created Woman", is scheduled to begin in March at the as yet unopened south facility of the Penitentiary of New Mexico. The film is expected to cost about $4 million. The Capital Bar & Grill, which employed about 50 workers, has closed after less than a year in business because of financial difficulties. Two other Santa Fe restaurants, the Lone Wolf Cafe and The Winery, also closed recently; but a new restaurant, the Zia Diner, recently opened for business at Guadalupe Station.

SILVER CITY AREA: Officials from Halstead Industries, a large manufacturer of copper tubing with plants in several eastern states, visited the area in January looking for possible locations for a new manufacturing plant which could employ up to 300 workers. Magma Copper Corporation recently used the services of the Silver City ESD area office to recruit approximately 60 laid off miners for work at the firm's San Manuel, Arizona copper mine.

SOCORRO / T or C AREA: Honeywell officials indicate that they spent $1.6 million in 1986 at New Mexico Tech's Terminal Effects Research and Analysis (TERA) testing facility. Honeywell employs up to twenty persons through TERA testing ammunition used by the Abrams armored tank, a vehicle used by the U.S. Army and NATO. The testing operation is expected to continue over the next few years. The last remnants of the $100 million copper mine and concentrator near Hillsboro built in 1981 by Quintana Minerals Corp. were recently removed by work crews of Ok Tedi Mining Ltd. of New Guinea. The Copper Flats operation, which employed more than 200 workers, was shut down due to depressed copper prices four months after it opened in 1981. Most of the equipment went to New Guinea to produce byproduct copper at a gold mine.

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				Percent Change	
	Jan. 1987	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1986	Dec.'86-Jan.'87	Jan.'86-Jan.'87
CPI-U	333.1	331.1	328.4	+0.6%	+1.4%
CPI-W	327.7	325.7	324.3	+0.6%	+1.0%

Index Base Year 1967 = 100

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers
CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

NEW MEXICO AND ALBUQUERQUE MSA
1986 CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
BY MONTH AND ANNUAL AVERAGE

NEW MEXICO

1986	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
JANUARY	651,051	590,649	60,402	9.3%
FEBRUARY	653,334	592,842	60,492	9.3%
MARCH	660,471	598,460	62,011	9.4%
APRIL	666,437	605,064	61,373	9.2%
MAY	671,146	610,713	60,433	9.0%
JUNE	678,816	613,863	64,953	9.6%
JULY	679,022	614,125	64,897	9.6%
AUGUST	680,119	618,488	61,631	9.1%
SEPTEMBER	678,233	617,976	60,257	8.9%
OCTOBER	684,718	622,445	62,273	9.1%
NOVEMBER	681,619	619,355	62,264	9.1%
DECEMBER	679,033	616,019	63,014	9.3%
ANNUAL AVERAGE	672,000	610,000	62,000	9.2%

ALBUQUERQUE MSA 1/

1986	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
JANUARY	245,748	229,467	16,281	6.6%
FEBRUARY	247,140	231,595	15,545	6.3%
MARCH	249,561	233,573	15,988	6.4%
APRIL	252,043	236,473	15,570	6.2%
MAY	251,628	236,415	15,213	6.0%
JUNE	255,064	237,825	17,239	6.8%
JULY	254,967	238,049	16,918	6.6%
AUGUST	255,728	239,243	16,485	6.4%
SEPTEMBER	255,169	238,808	16,361	6.4%
OCTOBER	258,755	241,226	17,529	6.8%
NOVEMBER	258,622	241,583	17,039	6.6%
DECEMBER	259,266	242,523	16,743	6.5%
ANNUAL AVERAGE	253,641	237,232	16,409	6.5%

1/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Bernalillo County

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES BY AREA
1986 ANNUAL AVERAGES

1986	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
STATEWIDE	672,000	610,000	62,000	9.2%
ALBUQUERQUE MSA 1/	253,641	237,232	16,409	6.5%
LAS CRUCES MSA 2/	55,291	51,204	4,087	7.4%
SANTA FE MSA 3/	63,947	60,461	3,486	5.5%
Catron	1,082	916	166	15.3%
Chaves	22,392	20,219	2,173	9.7%
Cibola	8,697	7,060	1,637	18.8%
Colfax	6,992	5,999	993	14.2%
Curry	17,322	16,063	1,259	7.3%
De Baca	959	850	109	11.4%
Eddy	22,344	19,199	3,145	14.1%
Grant	9,707	8,551	1,156	11.9%
Guadalupe	1,644	1,405	239	14.5%
Harding	471	417	54	11.5%
Hidalgo	2,515	2,357	158	6.3%
Lea	25,498	22,323	3,175	12.5%
Lincoln	7,338	6,801	537	7.3%
Luna	5,652	4,796	856	15.1%
McKinley	17,131	14,823	2,308	13.5%
Mora	1,317	818	499	37.9%
Otero	17,676	16,252	1,424	8.1%
Quay	4,522	4,102	420	9.3%
Rio Arriba	13,058	10,363	2,695	20.6%
Roosevelt	7,132	6,744	388	5.4%
Sandoval	22,213	20,241	1,972	8.9%
San Juan	35,416	29,679	5,737	16.2%
San Miguel	9,971	8,663	1,308	13.1%
Sierra	2,449	2,265	184	7.5%
Socorro	5,784	5,246	538	9.3%
Taos	10,220	7,381	2,839	27.8%
Torrance	3,143	2,763	380	12.1%
Union	2,075	1,904	171	8.2%
Valencia	14,403	12,905	1,498	10.4%

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NEW MEXICO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/

	PRELIMINARY JANUARY 1987				REVISED DECEMBER 1986				REVISED JANUARY 1986			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	666,332	600,982	65,350	9.8%	679,033	616,019	63,014	9.3%	651,051	590,649	60,402	9.3%
ALBUQUERQUE MSA 2/	254,954	238,015	16,939	6.6%	259,266	242,523	16,743	6.5%	245,748	229,467	16,281	6.6%
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	55,002	51,126	3,876	7.0%	56,577	52,837	3,740	6.6%	51,819	47,737	4,082	7.9%
SANTA FE MSA 4/	62,858	59,036	3,822	6.1%	64,695	60,981	3,714	5.7%	61,510	57,871	3,639	5.9%
Catron	1,031	824	207	20.1%	1,124	912	212	18.9%	953	749	204	21.4%
Chaves	22,247	19,927	2,320	10.4%	22,631	20,524	2,107	9.3%	21,794	19,533	2,261	10.4%
Cibola	8,487	6,923	1,564	18.4%	8,601	7,125	1,476	17.2%	8,599	6,742	1,857	21.6%
Colfax	6,531	5,519	1,012	15.5%	6,678	5,392	1,286	19.3%	6,739	5,790	949	14.1%
Curry	17,406	15,935	1,471	8.5%	17,641	16,181	1,460	8.3%	16,785	15,461	1,324	7.9%
De Baca	830	731	99	11.9%	912	809	103	11.3%	890	751	139	15.6%
Eddy	21,755	18,340	3,415	15.7%	21,926	18,506	3,420	15.6%	21,972	18,839	3,133	14.3%
Grant	9,830	8,634	1,196	12.2%	9,861	8,794	1,067	10.8%	9,558	8,262	1,296	13.6%
Guadalupe	1,647	1,310	337	20.5%	1,698	1,412	286	16.8%	1,621	1,322	299	18.4%
Harding	390	345	45	11.5%	456	393	63	13.8%	461	409	52	11.3%
Hidalgo	2,417	2,268	149	6.2%	2,524	2,359	165	6.5%	2,339	2,161	178	7.6%
Lea	23,921	20,991	2,930	12.2%	24,779	21,579	3,200	12.9%	26,182	24,597	1,585	6.1%
Lincoln	6,709	6,041	668	10.0%	6,888	6,243	645	9.4%	6,359	5,808	551	8.7%
Luna	5,556	4,627	929	16.7%	5,608	4,699	909	16.2%	5,409	4,527	882	16.3%
McKinley	16,927	14,394	2,533	15.0%	16,826	14,600	2,226	13.2%	17,015	14,560	2,455	14.4%
Mora	1,175	705	470	40.0%	1,210	724	486	40.2%	1,376	843	533	38.7%
Otero	17,792	16,352	1,440	8.1%	17,860	16,432	1,428	8.0%	17,446	15,809	1,637	9.4%
Quay	4,359	3,927	432	9.9%	4,453	4,048	405	9.1%	4,229	3,773	456	10.8%
Rio Arriba	13,183	10,108	3,075	23.3%	13,071	10,391	2,680	20.5%	13,124	10,195	2,929	22.3%
Roosevelt	7,140	6,720	420	5.9%	7,415	6,967	448	6.0%	6,624	6,228	396	6.0%
Sandoval	21,690	19,507	2,173	10.0%	22,515	20,454	2,061	9.2%	21,418	19,349	2,069	9.7%
San Juan	35,326	28,956	6,370	18.0%	35,144	29,545	5,599	15.9%	34,493	29,949	4,544	13.2%
San Miguel	9,367	7,908	1,459	15.6%	10,107	8,774	1,333	13.2%	9,530	8,101	1,429	15.0%
Sierra	2,448	2,196	252	10.3%	2,500	2,268	232	9.3%	2,228	2,044	184	8.3%
Socorro	5,518	4,947	571	10.3%	5,883	5,343	540	9.2%	5,399	4,860	539	10.0%
Taos	10,070	7,102	2,968	29.5%	10,045	7,198	2,847	28.3%	10,616	8,210	2,406	22.7%
Torrance	3,113	2,681	432	13.9%	3,148	2,743	405	12.9%	2,976	2,542	434	14.6%
Union	1,855	1,691	164	8.8%	1,950	1,787	163	8.4%	1,985	1,830	155	7.8%
Valencia	14,808	13,196	1,612	10.9%	15,041	13,476	1,565	10.4%	13,854	12,330	1,524	11.0%

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

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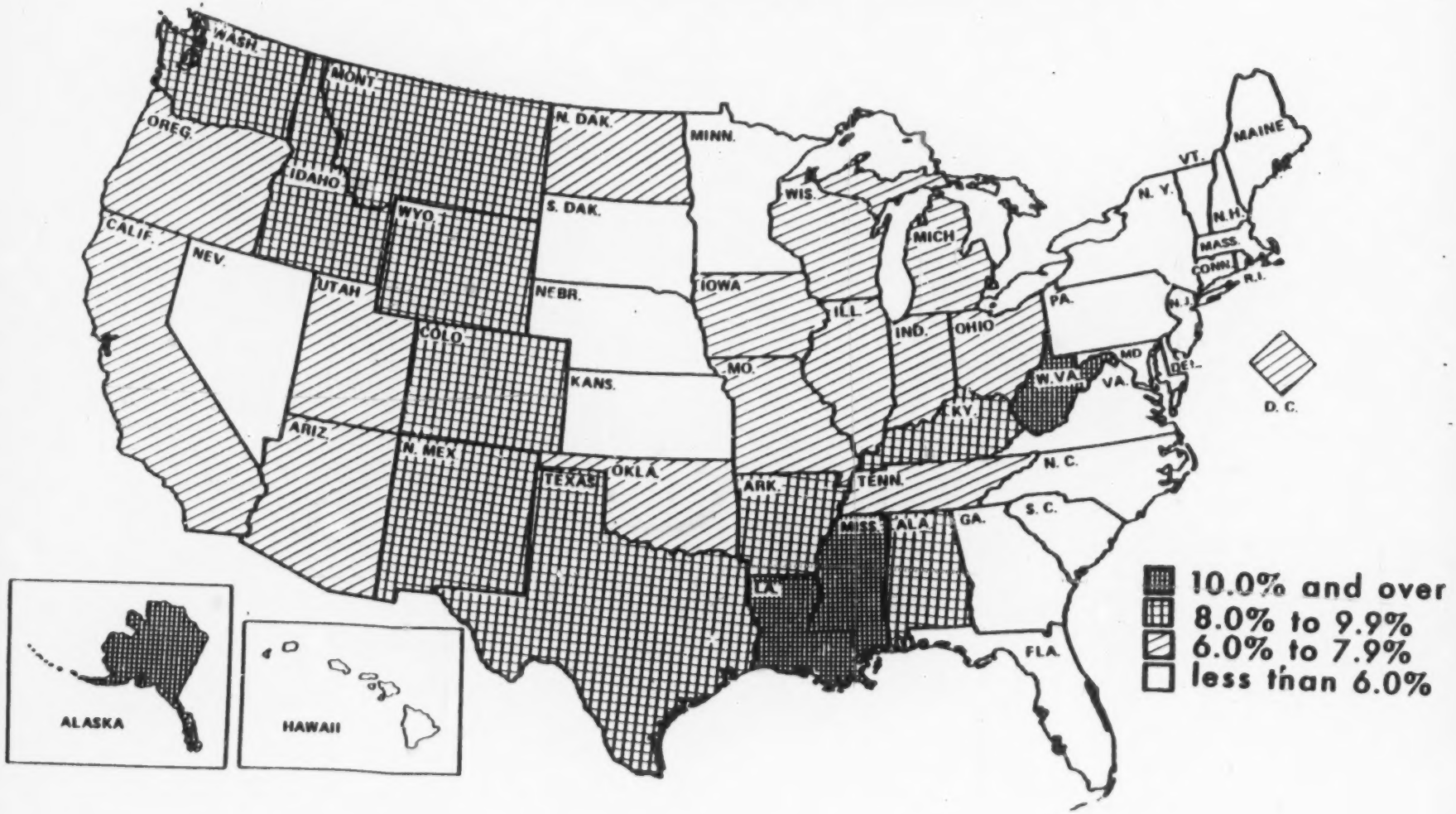

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